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Inmate Death at FCI Victorville I

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, July 11, 2020, inmate Horace Nelson tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Victorville I in Victorville, California, and was placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Mr. Nelson was evaluated by institutional medical staff for abdominal pain, weakness, and altered mental status. On the same day, he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Sunday, December 6, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Monday, December 7, 2020, Mr. Nelson, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Nelson was a 64-year-old male who was sentenced in an Alaska State court to a 722-month sentence for second degree murder. He had been in custody at FCI Victorville I since July 18, 2014.

FCI Victorville I is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,028 male offenders.

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